

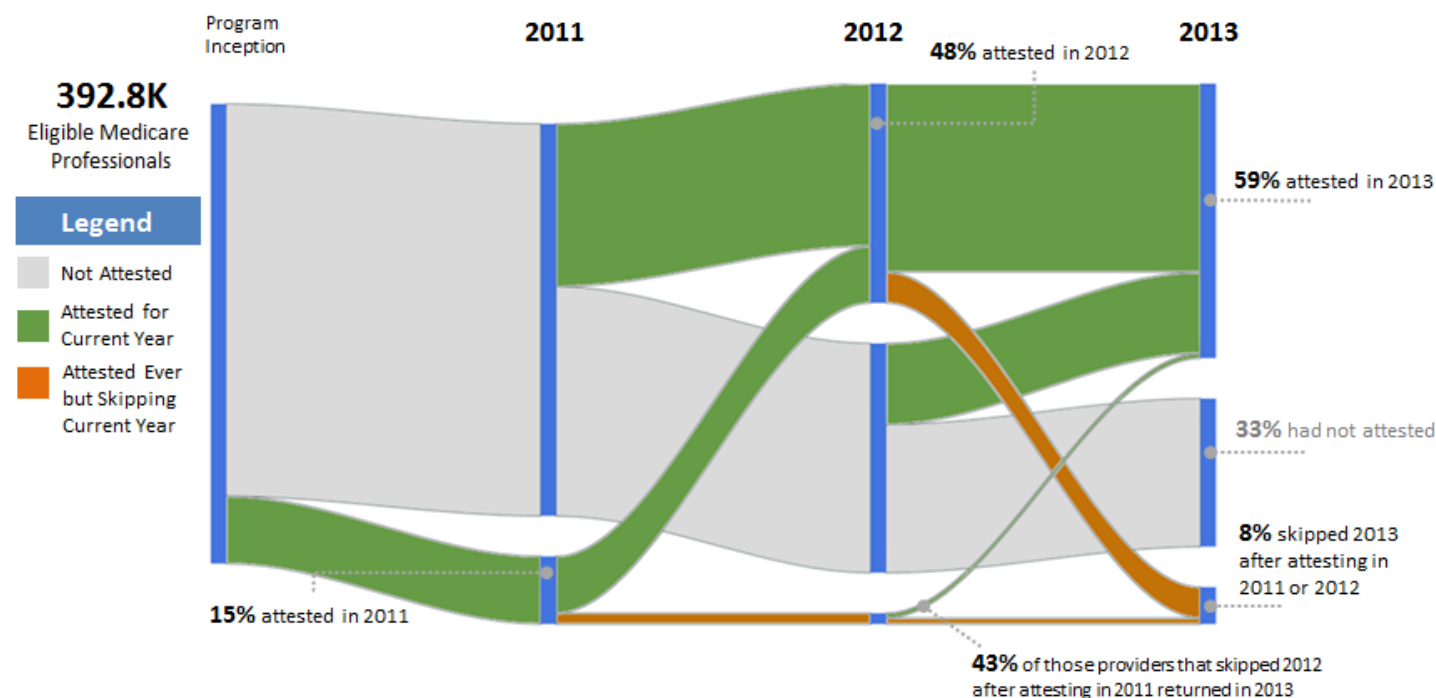
Health IT Quick-Stat #32

Medicare EHR Incentive Program

Medicare Professional Stage 1 Meaningful Use Attestation, 2011-2013

May 2014

Two-thirds of all Medicare-eligible providers had attested to meaningful use of a certified EHR by 2013



Medicare EHR Incentive Program: Meaningful Use Attestation Participation and Return Rates

First Year of Attestation	Year 1	Year 2	Skipped Year 2	Year 3	Skipped Year 2 and Returned for Year 3	Skipped Year 3
2011	58k	49k	9.5k (16%)	47k	4k (43%)*	11k^ (19%)
2012	139k	118k	21.5k (15%)			
2013	69k					

*% of those providers who attested to Meaningful Use in year 1, skipped year 2, and returned in year 3

^Approximately 5.5k skipped years 2 and 3, and 5.4k skipped year 3 after participating in years 1 and 2

<http://dashboard.healthit.gov/quickstats/pages/FIG- Medicare-Professionals-Stage-One-Meaningful-Use-Attestation.html>

Summary:

There are 392,800 providers eligible for the Medicare EHR Incentive Program. As of May 2014, approximately 67% had attested to meaningful use of a certified EHR through Medicare. Half of the Medicare-eligible providers attested in 2011 or 2012, and the vast majority (85%) returned in year 2. The rate of skipping year 2 is similar for providers that started in both 2011 and 2012 (15-16%).

The Public Use File used for this analysis only includes Medicare attestations and, therefore, does not capture instances where a health care professional switched from the Medicare program to the Medicaid program. Up to an estimated 1% of providers may be noted as “skipping” a year when in fact they switched from Medicare to Medicaid. Providers may also skip a year because they are no longer eligible for the program due to retirement, departure from active or ambulatory care practice, or other reasons.

Source:

Based on analysis of the 'Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services EHR Incentive Program Electronic Health Record Products Used for Attestation' public use data file, May 2014. The data file can be downloaded directly here: <http://www.healthdata.gov/data/dataset/cms-medicare-and-medicaid-ehr-incentive-program-electronic-health-record-products-used>. The public use file updates monthly.

Notes:

For a more detailed analysis of the professionals who first attested to Medicare meaningful use in 2011, see [ONC Quick Stat, no. 31](#).

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